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THE CULTURE OF MUSHROOMS.—We copy the following from the Canada Farmer:

"Many persons regard the culture of mushrooms as a great mystery. But it is not so. On the contrary, it is as simple as raising a crop of corn, or cultivating a grapevine or a bed of cabbages, and can be done in out-of-the-way places, taking up little room, and requiring little attention. Mushrooms, too, can be raised in winter, when no other crop can be, and a regular supply had for family use. Or, if conducted on a larger scale, with a view for disposal in our city markets, there is nothing to hinder, and a most profitable thing can be made of the business. All farmers keep horses and cattle, and have plenty of manure; and it may be mentioned that the quantity used in forming mushroom beds is not lost, for it can, when new beds are made, be returned to the manure yard. It must be borne in mind, too, that there is no necessity to build a place to grow this vegetable. It can be grown almost anywhere in an enclosed place—even in the kitchen or sitting-room; but the best out-of-the-way places are a close horse-stable, which is regarded as the best of all; mild cellars, enclosed out-houses of almost every kind, where the soil in the beds can be kept from freezing.

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[We wish some of our excellent market gardeners near town would take hold of his subject and see if money could not be made by raising mushrooms.]

CHARLES LEVER.—A telegram has brought intelligence of the recent death at Trieste, France, of the celebrated novelist and essayist, Charles Lever. To the many who have known and loved him through his works a brief biographical sketch cannot but be acceptable.

Mr. Lever was born in Dublin, August 31, 1806. He was educated at Trinity College, in that city, subsequently studied in Göttingen and was admitted to practice as a physician. During the prevalence of cholera in Ireland in 1832 he held the appointment of medical officer of a district comprehending Londonderry and other places, and effected many remarkable cures. He was afterward for three years physician to the British Embassy at Brussels, where he wrote his "Confessions of Harry Lorrequer," which made a favorable impression by its vivacity and humor, and happy pictures of Irish people and manners. It was the precursor of the long line of novels distinguished chiefly by the same characteristics, including "Charles O'Malley," "Jack Hinton," "Tom Burke," "The Knight of Gwynne," and others. In 1842 he assumed for a time the direction of the Dublin University Magazine, to which, as well as to other periodicals, many of his minor anonymous works were contributed. Among the best of these are "Maurice Tierney," "Con Cregan," "Diary of Horace Tepleton," &c. His later works are "That Boy of Norcott's" and "Lord Kilgobbin," the last named of which is dedicated to the memory of his wife, "whose loss," he says, "has left me helpless." The series of "Cornelius O'Dowd" papers, which have so long been a prominent feature of Blackwood's Magazine, are from his pen, that of the March number being upon the subject of the Washington Treaty, and entitled "The American Revolve."

In the dedication to "Lord Kilgobbin," above spoken of, he expresses the hope that that novel might be his last. His hope has been realized.

MR. BENNETT'S WILL.—Mr. Bennett always betrayed a desire to retain the ownership of the Herald up to the moment of his death. But he was not unmindful of the duty of disposing of his property. Shortly before his wife and daughter went to Europe, the venerable journalist made a will which was satisfactory to the family. He dealt out his wealth with a princely hand, and each of his three heirs are now the absolute owners of millions of dollars. The following are said to be the principal provisions of the will:

To his son, James Gordon Bennett, he gives the Herald establishment and the Herald building on Broadway, and also the property on Fulton, Ann and Nassau streets, formerly the site of the Herald. It is said that the will also provides that young Mr. Bennett shall not sell the Herald, and that it shall remain in the possession of the family.

To his widow he gives the mansion, corner of Thirty-eighth street and Fifth avenue, with other real estate up town.

To his daughter, Miss Jeannette Bennett, he gives his mansion and grounds on Washington Heights, and also some personal property and mementoes.

The above are said to be the provisions of the will made by Mr. Bennett a few weeks before his wife sailed for Europe. It is asserted that he has never altered it nor made another will. The whole period of his recent illness was used by him solely to prepare for his last end.—N. Y. Standard.

OLD SPOTSYLVANIA.—Mr. Charles Davis of Harper's Ferry, in a letter answering an invitation to participate in the centenary celebration of the creation of Berkeley county, West Va., on the 15th of June, says:

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